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request of a Republican Governor. Governor Norbert Tiemann placed her in the very responsible position of helping implement the sales tax and income tax laws back in 1967. Well, Senator Labeledz served under Governor Tiemann very carefully and loyally and capably, and did an admirable job in that position, but when Governor Tiemann was defeated by Governor Exon, Bernice being fast on her feet, both politically and with a polka, decided that she'd remain in that position and serve Governor Exon, which she did very loyally. And once again, we Republicans dropped the ball. We might have made a convert out of her had we proceeded in an adept manner at the right time. She is shaking her head no, but you never know. The facts are that Bernice has served in this body very well, and she has served Mayor Zorinsky and Governor Exon and others. And she has been one of those persons who has frequently referred to her age as a handicap, but all of us know that she is one of the hardest working and most dedicated persons who have served in this body, and all of you with whom I have served have shown an intense amount of dedication and loyalty to the cause. And when we were discussing whether or not she was going to be a candidate for reelection or not, and she decided that she would not do that, she discussed it with me whether or not I was going to be a candidate again, and I said, well, I really don't know. It is hard to decide that. And she said, well, you know, it is always difficult and sometimes you really have to decide on your own, and those are the decisions we make frequently on this floor. We get a lot of advice from time to time, but when you press the button and make those decisions, notwithstanding your best friends and your best advisors, it is your own decision, and that is the thing that is so apparent to us who serve here. There is no yellow button on the board. It's red or green. And when you make that decision, you have to go back and live with it, and I have heard many times on this floor questions as to why we voted a certain way. We know that Bernice has always voted her convictions, and has never held it against any of the rest of us for voting our convictions. You know from time to time, we talk about the urban-rural split, but there really isn't such a thing when it comes right down to the wire, and in the words of people like Senator Lamb, who left his plaque up here, by the way, Howard, he must figure on coming back, words of Senator Lamb and "Doc" Dierks, and those gentlemen from out in western Nebraska, there is a saying that was the highest compliment you could pay a colleague, and that was that they rode for the brand, and Bernice rode for the brand of South Omaha, but she swung a wide loop that encompassed all of us.